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Dear Examiner La Forgia:

Further to the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 filed on January 18, 2004 and further responsive to the Final Office Action dated November 17, 2004, enclosed is a Request for Continued Examination for the above-referenced case.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,



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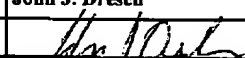
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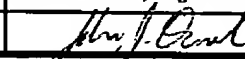
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